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BOOKS RECEIVED

[The more important books in this list will be reviewed at length.]

PSYCHOLOGY OF RELIGION

MACKIE, ALEXANDER. *The Gift of Tongues*. New York: Doran, 1921. 275 pages. \$2.00.

A study in certain pathological aspects of Christianity covering the whole range of Christian history from the apostolic age to the present. The argument is that the "gift of tongues" is considered a mark of spirituality simply because of its unusual character, that it is the expression of a diseased mind, and that it is almost always associated with anti-moral conduct.

BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION

FERNÁNDEZ, ANDRÉS. *Época de la Actividad de Esdras*. Rome: Pontificio Instituto Biblico, 1921. (Biblica 2.) 424-47 pages.

A study of the Ezra-Nehemiah problem by a Jesuit who maintains Ezra's priority in Jerusalem.

JASTROW, MORRIS. *The Song of Songs*. Philadelphia: Lippincott, 1921. 246 pages. \$3.00.

A companion volume to the author's volumes on Job and Ecclesiastes. It contains an extensive introduction and interpretation and a new translation. The Song is treated as a collection of love songs.

LAGRANGE, M. J. *Évangile selon Saint Luc*. Paris: Victor Lecoffre, 1921. clxvii+631 pages. Fr. 50.

A critical commentary on the Third Gospel by a Roman Catholic scholar of the Order of Friars Preachers. Commentaries on Judges and Mark by the same author, as well as extensive studies in Semitic religions and Jewish messianism are already familiar to biblical students. His commentary on Luke is an expansive production characterized by conservative scholarship, encyclopedic learning, and critical acumen.

MCCLURE, HAVEN. *The Contents of the New Testament*. New York: Macmillan, 1921. i+217 pages. \$1.50.

An introductory course intended to make available for high school students the results of literary and historical criticism in the New Testament field. The author's handling of literary problems is particularly successful. He is not so much interested in when or where a particular book was produced as to know why it was written. His method of treatment is popular, sketchy, and comprehensive. His materials are logically arranged and well proportioned. As a text-book this is a very usable publication.

PETERS, JOHN P. *Bible and Spade*. New York: Scribner, 1922. xii+239 pages. \$1.75.

The Bross Lectures delivered at Lake Forest College last year are here published. They devote themselves almost entirely to the results of excavation as they bear upon the Old Testament, but do not constitute a comprehensive survey of the field.

SCOTT, ERNEST FINDLAY. *The New Testament Today*. New York: Macmillan, 1921. 74 pages. \$1.00.

A scholar of established reputation reports to a popular audience the present status of critical investigations in his field of research. Professor Scott details the reasons for giving place to the New Testament writings as the central documents of our religion. He shows how the New Testament came into existence to meet the immediate needs of the early Christians. In considering the New Testament as the product of its time he discusses particularly the relation of primitive Christianity to Jewish apocalypticism on the one hand and Hellenistic mysticism and morality on the other. The concluding chapter of this all too brief book concerns the message of the New Testament to the modern world.

THILO, MARTIN. *Das Hohelied*. Bonn: A. Marcus und E. Webers Verlag, 1921. 48 pages. M. 4.

A new translation of the Song of Songs, with a brief interpretation. The author seeks to show, contrary to Paul Haupt, that the song is not of erotic character but that it is a collection of songs extolling the glories of true love between man and woman.

WAYLEN, H. Appendix to the third edition of *Mountain Pathways*. Oxford: Waylen, 1921. 129-56 pages.

This appendix is composed of corrections and additional notes to the author's *Mountain Pathways*, a popular study of the Sermon on the Mount from the standpoint of modern ethical ideals and present-day psychical research.

CONCERNING JESUS

CAMPBELL, R. J. *The Life of Christ*. New York: D. Appleton & Co., 1921. 421 pages. \$3.00.

Written by a world-famous preacher to meet the needs of the ordinary church-goer. Not the least valuable feature of the work is the frequent citation of carefully selected literature for further study. The author is quite frankly homiletical in his treatment of materials. In fact the book was preached almost in its entirety before it was published.

HUTTON, JOHN A. *The Proposal of Jesus*. New York: Doran, 1921. 181 pages. \$1.50.

A series of seven lectures delivered at the University of Glasgow by an eminent Scotch divine. With originality of viewpoint and a style at once stimulating and discursive the author seeks to show what Jesus' message about God meant for the nationalistic Jews of his own day and the wide world of Paul's time.

SIMKHOVITCH, VLADIMIR G. *Toward the Understanding of Jesus*. New York: Macmillan, 1921. v+165 pages. \$1.75.

Three historical studies by a professor of economic history. In the first he raises the problem: Why teachings so unprecedented as those of Jesus at that particular time? The answer he finds in the fierce nationalistic aspirations of the Jewish people which Jesus sought to satisfy by the gospel of the Kingdom of God—a kingdom which the individual could enter only through a spiritual rebirth. The other two essays concern the fall of the Roman Empire and village life in Europe.

CHURCH HISTORY

MACFARLAND, CHARLES S. *The Progress of Church Federation to 1922*. New York: Fleming H. Revell Co., 1921. 266 pages. \$1.00.

A former edition, revised and brought down to date, giving a brief sketch of the proceedings and activities of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, covering the formative period from 1908 to 1912, the critical years of the war, and the subsequent period of reconstruction.

MURRAY, MARGARET ALICE. *The Witch-Cult in Western Europe*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1921. 286 pages. 16 shillings.

An informing scientific survey of witch-cult in Great Britain. Chapters are devoted to God, admission ceremonies, assemblies, rites, organization, and witch transformation. Five appendixes contain considerable source material. One bears on Joan of Arc. There is an extensive bibliography and a good index.

NICOLL, W. ROBERTSON. *Princes of the Church*. London: Hodder and Stoughton, 1921. viii+326 pages. \$3.00.

Reprints of Dr. Nicoll's articles in the *British Weekly* called forth by the death of notable figures in the Christian world. Marked by the clear insight and charming style of this distinguished editor and observer; personal touches appear often, adding to the value of the articles. To read it is to pass through a great portrait gallery and be moved by the sense of human worth.

TURBERVILLE, A. S. *Mediaeval Heresy and the Inquisition*. New York: E. P. Dutton and Co., 1921. vii+264 pages. \$4.00.

A scholarly work, pleasingly written for the general reader, popularizing the content of Lea's work, and embodying the supplementary information that has been gathered since Lea's time. Part I deals with heresy, and Part II with the procedure of the Inquisition.

WOLF, GUSTAV. *Quellenkunde der deutschen Reformationsgeschichte*. Gotha: Perthes, 1921. iii+296 pages. M. 24.

A continuation of Wolf's bibliographical studies in connection with the German Reformation. The writer gives salient factors in each author's career, titles of works, and an estimate of their value. This volume makes references to approximately sixty authors, of whom Mykonius, Spalatin, and Jonas are the most prominent.

DOCTRINAL

CARRINGTON, PHILIP. *Christian Apologetics of the Second Century in Their Relation to Modern Thought*. London: Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. New York: Macmillan, 1921. 155 pages. \$3.00.

A brief but vivid account of the way in which Christianity justified itself in the second century. The last chapter—a very short one—considers the problem in relation to modern thought.

DAVIDSON, WILLIAM L. *Recent Theistic Discussion*. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark; New York: Scribner, 1921. ix+240 pages. \$2.25.

The twentieth series of the Croall Lectures. The lecturer was asked to sum up the contributions of the Gifford Lectures to an understanding of theism. Dr. Davidson's own exposition of theism makes him an unusually competent expositor. The survey indicates strikingly the large place which Hegelian philosophy has held in

British thinking. Most of the Gifford Lectures are necessarily dealt with somewhat cursorily; but Driesch, Balfour, A. Campbell Frazer, and Pringle-Pattison receive extended notice.

DODD, C. HAROLD. *The Meaning of Paul for Today*. London: Swarthmore Press, Ltd., 1921. 172 pages. \$2.00.

Quite incidentally Professor Dodd suggests the place of Paul in the history of early Christianity. His main purpose is to indicate in present-day terminology what he considers to be of permanent significance in the apostle's thought. This abiding element he finds in a comprehensive religious philosophy of life based on the fundamental idea of a commonwealth of God.

FENN, WILLIAM WALLACE. *Immortality and Theism*. (The Ingersoll Lecture, 1921.) Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1921. 41 pages. \$1.00.

After carefully considering the alleged direct evidence for the survival of human spirits after bodily death, and finding it inconclusive, Dr. Fenn sets forth a theist's faith. The argument is a forceful statement of the familiar demand that a world-order in which rationality, morality, and aesthetic and religious satisfaction exist is consistently defended only if the permanence of human personalities is affirmed.

GORE, CHARLES. *Belief in God*. New York: Scribner, 1921. ix+299 pages. \$2.25.

The title of this book is misleading. It is largely an elaborate argument to vindicate the essential historicity of the New Testament as the authentic foundation of the Christianity of the creeds. Dr. Gore regards the critical-historical interpretation of the Old Testament as something to be adopted by every thoughtful man; but those who employ precisely the same methods of interpreting the New Testament are "destructive critics." The candid inquiring mind in the first part of the book becomes an apologetic defender of traditional views in the latter portion.

MICKLEM, NATHANIEL, and MORGAN, HERBERT. *Christ and Caesar*. New York: Macmillan; London: Swarthmore Press, 1921. 249 pages. \$2.25.

A careful study of modern social and political problems, with attempt to show that while the salvation of society depends upon following the ideal of Jesus, yet progress toward the realization of this ideal is to be made by political evolution rather than by revolution.

DEVOTIONAL

BORGONGINI-DUCA, FRANCIS. *The Word of God*. New York: Macmillan, 1921. 211 pages. \$2.00.

Devotional meditations on the Gospels for Sundays and certain Saints' days, widely published in their original Italian form and now translated into English. Entirely uncritical, thoroughly under the influence of Roman Catholic dogma and tradition, and, from this point of view, edifying only to Roman Catholic readers.

LEBUFFE, FRANCIS P. *The Hound of Heaven*. New York: Macmillan, 1921. 89 pages. \$1.25.

The text of this famous poem, with elaborate notes and comments by a Roman Catholic scholar. The reader is aided by these to a more intelligent literary appreciation, and is especially led to make the poem a profound aid to religious devotion.

LEFFINGWELL, CHARLES W. *A Book of Prayers*. Milwaukee: Morehouse Publishing Co., 1922. v+206 pages. \$0.90.

A selection of prayers for various occasions, chosen with admirable taste, published in convenient form, including the "Canticle of the Sun" by St. Francis of Assisi in Matthew Arnold's translation. An excellent manual for private devotions.

EVANGELISM AND SOCIAL SERVICE

BILL, INGRAM E. *Constructive Evangelism*. Philadelphia: The Judson Press, 1921. 125 pages. \$1.00.

A small book, significant quite beyond its size. One of the clearest statements of the ideal and method of evangelism which unites preaching, religious education, and social service in a consistent program which will save conventional evangelism from its partial and transient effects in the community.

COLEGROVE, KENNETH. *American Citizens and Their Government*. New York: Abingdon Press, 1921. 333 pages. \$1.75.

This is a handbook on the American citizens and their government which sets forth the American government in its original development and machinery for getting governmental action. Its chapters cover not only the national but state, city, county and rural government, and citizenship problems as well as tendencies in our present governmental life. The book is well written.

DAVIS, BOOTHE COLWELL. *Country Life Leadership*. Plainfield: American Sabbath Tract Society, 1921. 158 pages. \$1.75.

A series of baccalaureate sermons to students preparing for service in country life by one who has spent his life in the rural church and rural movements. The author's sympathies and understanding make him a voice for the rural movement. These sermons strongly emphasize the spiritual note in rural development.

GEISTER, EDNA. *Ice-breakers and the Ice-breaker Herself*. New York: Doran, 1921. v+169 pages. \$1.35.

The games and stunts described in the book, *Ice-breakers*, have for several years been successfully used to entertain miscellaneous groups. The Ice-breaker herself in the final section of this volume gives wise and pertinent advice concerning the qualities essential in a recreation leader.

KERBY, WILLIAM J. *The Social Mission of Charity*. New York: Macmillan, 1921. xi+190 pages. \$2.25.

A thoughtful and sympathetic portrayal of the problem of poverty in modern society and of the task of relieving want and establishing more just conditions. The author is professor of sociology in the Catholic University at Washington. He strongly urges the employment by the Catholic church of the best scientific knowledge administered by trained experts in its work of Christian ministry to the needy.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

HUNTING, HAROLD B. *Hebrew Life and Times*. New York: Abingdon Press, 1921. 188 pages. \$1.25.

A very interesting, though elementary, sketch of Hebrew history, generously illustrated with cuts of ancient Semitic and Hebrew archaeological objects and well suited to use in Sunday schools.

HURT, HUBER WILLIAM. *Self-Help in Teaching*. New York: Macmillan, 1921. 98 pages. \$1.25.

A manual which analyzes the teaching process so as to help those engaged in teaching or in any form of leadership to appreciate what is happening both with the learner and with the leader. This appreciation is made possible by analyzing the learning process on the one hand and the teaching process on the other. This is done so as to make easier the way for all struggling to help youth. The author has proved his own ability as a teacher and leader and blazes the trail for others who are eager to be similarly helpful. The book is psychologically and pedagogically scientific and will lend itself admirably for teacher-training or leadership-training classes.

MEREDITH, WILLIAM V. *Pageantry and Dramatics in Religious Education*. New York: Abingdon Press, 1921. 212 pages. \$1.25.

The author of this book not only makes out a splendid case for the use of dramatics and pageantry by the church but shows that they are indeed the child of the church and the very handmaid of religion. It was the church itself that gave birth to dramatics and pageantry and then lost contact with these modes of expression through long periods of time. That they are now coming into their own in the church is only evidence that the church is recognizing its religious educational facilities. The book presents the "what" and "how" of stimulating dramatics and pageantry, with abundant illustrations. Any teacher, young people's worker or minister should study this book. The helpfulness of the book is enhanced by the bibliography given at the close of each chapter.

MONDAY CLUB. *Sermons on the International Uniform Sunday School Lessons for 1922*. Boston: Pilgrim Press, 1921. 332 pages. \$2.00.

The Monday Club meets in Boston. Its members prepare sermons on the International Sunday-school lessons. This is the forty-seventh series. As would be the case inevitably the character of the different sermons varies greatly in method and content; sometimes expository, sometimes remote from the lesson text. It is interesting to see how preachers differ in their handling of material; but the sermons are of scant value to either a teacher or student of the lessons treated.

SLATTERY, MARGARET. *New Paths through Old Palestine*. Boston: Pilgrim Press, 1921. vii+126 pages. \$1.80.

A very stimulating travelogue of experiences of the author while traveling the old yet ever new paths of Palestine. The book is well written and the author's unusual personality gives many sidelights and interesting relationships of the Bible and the country she is describing. Young people will like this book.

WODEHOUSE, HELEN. *Sunday Talks to Teachers*. New York: Macmillan, 1921. 112 pages. \$1.25.

Ten inspirational lectures on the share teachers have with God in stimulating the Good Way in our children and youth. Many concrete and practical suggestions are given.

MISCELLANEOUS

BURKE, JANE REVERE. *The One Way*. New York: Dutton, 1922. xxi+149 pages. \$1.25.

Alleged communications from Professor William James, recorded by automatic writing. The conventional piety and "New Thought" ideals here expressed convince

the reader that the author spoke truly when she said that she had never read James's writings. The book is interesting as a psychopathic document.

ENELOW, H. G. *The Jew and the World*. New York: Bloch Publishing Co., 1921. 116 pages.

A series of brief sermonic addresses aimed at justifying Jewish life and thought.

INGE, WILLIAM RALPH. *Outspoken Essays*. (Second edition.) New York: Longmans, Green, 1921. vii+281 pages. \$2.25.

Frank, clear, challenging discussions of pertinent questions. They consist of articles already published in journals. Most of them date back to before the war. Some were written during the war. Two date from 1919. The subjects range from eugenics through politics and into religion. Seventeen thousand copies of the volume have been published.

INMAN, SAMUEL GUY. *Problems in Pan-Americanism*. New York: Doran, 1921. 415 pages. \$2.00.

An attempt, made by a friend and student of both continents, to portray to North American readers the attitude of Latin Americans to Pan-Americanism.

MACDONALD, CAROLINE. *A Gentleman in Prison: The Story of Tokichi Ishii Written in Tokyo Prison*. New York: Doran, 1922. 164 pages. \$1.75.

A "human document" of the most striking and valuable sort. It contains the simple and poignant record of his experience, done by a Japanese criminal, who gave himself up to save a comrade who had been falsely accused and wrongly condemned for a crime which he, Tokichi Ishii, had committed; and for it he was executed. Meantime he was brought into the Christian experience through the influence of Caroline MacDonald. This he also records. Tragedy, straightforward confession, the spirit of love, the flame of the Christian experience of forgiveness and new life all are here.

Thirty-fifth Annual Report of the Bureau of American Ethnology. Part II, 1913-14. Washington: Government Printing Office, 1921. viii+795-1481 pages. \$1.50.

A painstaking collection of materials on the ethnology of the Kwakiutl arranged by Franz Boas. These native sources provide the indispensable basis for the interpretation of their social life and religion.

NOTE.—For a review of Headlam, *The Doctrine of the Church and Christian Reunion*, see article by Professor George Cross, "The Stake of Protestantism in the Christian Union Movement," on page 129 of this issue.